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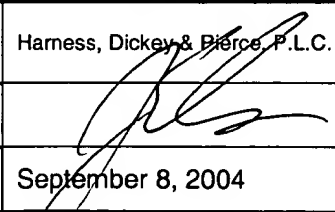
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	Filing Date	August 22, 2000	
	Inventor(s)	M. T. Fatehi et al.	
	Group Art Unit	2661	
	Examiner Name	J. A. Kading	
		Attorney Docket Number	29250-002062/US

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSPORTING MULTIPLE
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NETWORK

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated June 25, 2004 ("Office Action") and respond as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.